

Appl. No. 10/716,676  
Amendment dated March 7, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of Nov. 22, 2004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

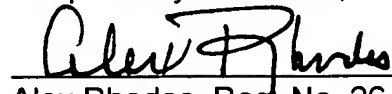
Reconsideration of the subject application is requested. It is believed that the application, as now amended, overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and should be allowed because of the following reasons.

The Abstract has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirement. Claims 12 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 6, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 10 and 112 rejections.

In view of the above, it is contended that the remaining claims as now presented are directed to combinations which are allowable and that this application is in a condition to be passed for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Although no further changes are believed to be necessary, should the Examiner disagree, a telephone conference would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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